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Springfield Commission Receives Statewide Recognition

The Springfield Mayor's Commission on Human Rights and Community Relations received the 2012 "Local Human Rights Commission of the Year Award" at a ceremony in Jefferson City Friday, Dec. 7. The ceremony was part of the annual celebration of International Human Rights Day.

Missouri Commission on Human Rights (MCHR) Executive Director Alisa Warren, Ph.D. said the award was presented in recognition of the Springfield Commission's extraordinary efforts to promote understanding and respect among all citizens and provide the community recourse for discriminatory acts.

"Your Commission's unique partnerships with state and federal agencies promote broad educational opportunities for citizens and the business community. In spite of a challenging climate, new and progressive local ordinances are being introduced with hope of further expanding human rights," Warren said in an e-mail to Commissioner Kelly Johnson.

The recognition program is co-sponsored through a U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development partnership project which was granted to MCHR.

In keeping with the program theme of "Equality for All Missourians", MCHR has been working diligently to expand human rights partnerships and strengthen networks across the state of Missouri by building relationships with local human rights groups.

The International Human Rights Day celebration provides a unique opportunity for all our partners and advocates to come together to educate, network, and honor those who have exhibited extraordinary efforts to promote human rights in Missouri.

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